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Applicants: Howard Udell et al.
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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This is in response to the final Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated October 31, 2001.

REMARKS

I. The Examiner's Rejections

Claims 1-10, 13-15 and 17-47 are in this application. In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-10, 13-15 and 17-47 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,958,005 to Thorne et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,903,723 to Beck et al. The Examiner also rejected Claims 1-10 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,889,943 to Ji et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,899,299 to MacPhail. In addition, the Examiner also rejected Claims 17-47 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Ji in view of MacPhail and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,410,598 to Shear. Furthermore, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-10, 13-15 and 17-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103